

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Withdrawn) A liquid storage unit comprising:

a case;

a liquid storage part for storing a liquid in the case, with which a liquid port communicates;

at least one gas accommodation part for accommodating a gas in the case, with which a gas port communicates, wherein the liquid in the liquid storage part is led out through the liquid port by a pressure of a gas introduced from the gas port;

an inner case provided in the case having a pair of openings on opposite side faces thereof; and

a pair of flexible partitioning members sealing said pair of openings of the inner case respectively, thereby partitioning the liquid storage part therebetween and defining said at least one of the gas accommodation part in cooperation with the case.

2. (Withdrawn) The liquid storage unit according to claim 1, wherein the flexible partitioning member is provided with a flexible film, which is thermally welded to a welding portion at the opening of the inner case.

3. (Withdrawn) The liquid storage unit according to claim 2, wherein the flexible film has a laminate structure including at least a welding layer formed with a material weldable to the welding portion and a gas barrier layer.

4. (Withdrawn) The liquid storage unit according to claim 1, wherein the case in which the inner case is provided has openings at a pair of side faces thereof corresponding to the openings of the inner case, and lids are sealed on the openings of the case respectively.

5. (Currently amended) A liquid storage unit comprising:

a liquid port;

a gas port;

a case having an opening on a side face thereof;

a liquid storage part for storing a liquid in the case, with which and communicating with the liquid port communicates;

at least one a gas accommodation part for accommodating a gas in the case, with which and communicating with the gas port communicates, wherein the liquid in the liquid storage part is led out through the liquid port by a pressure of a gas introduced from the gas port;

a first an outer flexible partitioning member thermally welded to the case so as to define the liquid storage part an inner space in cooperation with the case; and

a second an inner flexible partitioning member sealing the opening of the case by thermal welding so as to define said at least one gas accommodation part in cooperation with the first partitioning member and the case thermally welded to a welding portion provided in the inner space so as to define the liquid storage part, and to define the gas accommodation part between the inner flexible partitioning member and the outer flexible partitioning member.

6. (Cancelled) The liquid storage unit according to claim 5, wherein a protecting lid covering the second flexible partitioning member sealing the opening is provided in the case.

7. (Withdrawn) A liquid ejecting apparatus comprising a liquid ejection head for discharging a liquid supplied from the liquid storage unit according to claim 1, and a carriage for being reciprocated with the liquid ejection head mounted thereon.

8. (Cancelled) A liquid ejecting apparatus comprising a liquid ejection head for discharging a liquid supplied from the liquid storage unit according to claim 5, and a carriage for being reciprocated with the liquid ejection head mounted thereon.

9. (New) The liquid storage unit according to claim 4, wherein the welding portion is fixed relative to the case.

10. (New) The liquid storage unit according to claim 5, wherein a part of the case to which the outer flexible partitioning member is thermally welded is frame-shaped.

11. (New) The liquid storage unit according to claim 5, wherein the welding portion is frame-shaped.

12. (New) The liquid storage unit according to claim 5, wherein the inner flexible partitioning member is thermally welded in a loose state.

13. (New) The liquid storage unit according to claim 5, wherein the liquid storage part comprises at least one curved wall.

14. (New) The liquid storage unit according to claim 5, further comprising a protecting lid covering the outer flexible partitioning member.

15. (New) A liquid ejecting apparatus comprising a liquid ejection head operable to eject liquid supplied from the liquid storage unit according to claim 5.

16. (New) The liquid ejecting apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a pump operable to pump the pressurized gas into the gas accommodation part.